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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the prior art references are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in the translations of the abstracts of each of the Japanese language laid-open references. See MPEP §609 A(3).

Applicants herein state that they do not currently possess a translation of either the Japanese Office Action, Chinese Office Action, or Chinese laid-open reference